

REMARKS

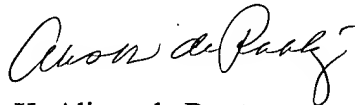
The specification has been replaced with a substitute specification merely to correct various minor clerical, typographical, grammatical, and like, errors. For example, one clerical or typographical error in the original specification includes the recitation of 9×10^5 mJ/cm², as opposed to 900 mJ/cm² that appears in the parent application. The substitute specification corrects this and other errors. No new matter has been added by virtue of the substitute specification.

The Examiner has required an election of one invention from what the Office identifies as Invention I: Claims 1-11, Invention II: Claims 12-26, and Invention III: Claims 27-35. Invention I is elected with traverse on the grounds that, respectfully, it is believed that a search and an examination regarding the entire application can be made without serious burden. Reconsideration of the restriction requirement and a search and an examination as to the entire application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner has further required that if Invention I were elected, a further election of species, either that of a capillary separation channel or a planar structure, be made. Election of a capillary separation channel is made with traverse on the same grounds as that pertaining to the election of invention. Claims 1-11 are readable on the elected species.

The Examiner has inquired as to various references that are mentioned in the specification. Applicants are obtaining copies of the references and will be submitting an Information Disclosure Statement concerning same, with copies, as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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